AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 and 15, amend claims 2 – 14 and 16 – 18, and add claims 20 - 45 as listed in the following claims:

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently amended) A ~~compound~~ method according to claim ~~1~~ 16, wherein m is 0, 1 or 2 and n is 3 or 4.

3. (Currently amended) A ~~compound~~ method according to claim ~~1~~ 16,wherein X is carbonyl or the group of formula II in which R_5 is H.

4. (Currently amended) A ~~compound~~ method according to claim ~~1~~ 16, wherein Y is methylene.

5. (Currently amended) A ~~compound~~ method according to claim ~~1~~ 16, wherein Z is an alkylene chain containing ~~2, 3 or 4~~ 2 to 4 carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more alkyl groups containing 1 to 3 carbon atoms.

6. (Currently amended) A ~~compound~~ method according to claim ~~1~~ 16, wherein Z is an alkylene chain containing ~~2, 3 or 4~~ 2 to 4 carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more methyl groups.

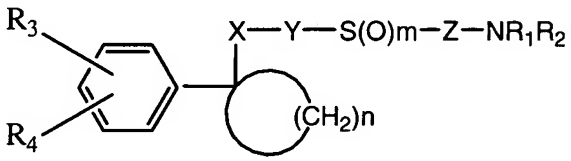
7. (Currently amended) A ~~compound~~ method according to claim ~~1~~ 16, wherein R is phenyl substituted by one or two chloro substituents or R is naphthyl.

8. (Currently amended) A ~~compound~~ method according to claim ~~1~~ 16, wherein R is ~~3-chlorophenyl, 3,4-dichlorophenyl or 2-naphthyl~~ 3-chlorophenyl; 3,4-dichlorophenyl; or 2-naphthyl.

9. (Currently amended) A ~~compound~~ method according to claim ~~1~~ 16, wherein R_1 is an alkyl group containing 1 to 3 carbon atoms or is benzyl, and R_2 is an alkyl group containing 1 to 3 carbon atoms.

10. (Currently amended) A ~~compound~~ method according to claim ~~1~~ 16, wherein R_1 and R_2 are both methyl or ethyl or R_1 is benzyl and R_2 is methyl.

11. (Currently amended) A ~~compound~~ method of treating drug misuse or other addictive disorders comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula III



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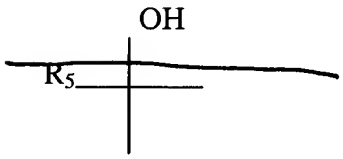
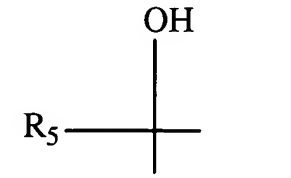
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof wherein:

m is 0, 1 or 2;

n is 2, 3, 4 or 5;

X is carbonyl or a group of formula II





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and wherein R_5 is H or an alkyl group containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

Y is an alkylene chain containing 1 or 2 carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more alkyl groups containing 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

Z is an alkylene chain containing 2 to 5 carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more alkyl groups containing 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

R_1 and R_2, which are the same or different, are H, a straight or branched chain alkyl group containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms, an arylalkyl group in which the alkyl group contains 1 to 3 carbon atoms, provided that when R_1 is benzyl, R_2 is H or methyl; and

R_3 is halo, and R_4 is H or halo, or R_3 and R_4 together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a fused benzene ring;

to a patient in need thereof.

12. (Currently amended) A ~~compound of formula III~~ method according to claim 11, wherein ~~R3~~ R_3 is chloro and ~~R~~ R_1 is H, ~~R3 and R4~~ R_3 and R_4 being both chloro or ~~R3 and R4~~ R_3 and R_4 together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached forming a fused benzene ring.

13. (Currently amended) A ~~compound of formula III~~ method according to claim 11, wherein ~~R3~~ R_3 is chloro situated in the 3-substitution position on the phenyl ring and R_4 is H, R_3 and R_4 being both chloro and situated in the 3- and 4-substitution positions on the phenyl ring respectively, or R_3 and R_4 together with the phenyl ring to which they are attached forming a 2-naphthyl group.

14. (Currently amended) A ~~compound~~ method according to claim ~~1~~ 16, wherein the compound of formula I is selected from the group consisting of:

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[2- (dimethylamino) ethylthio] ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[2- (dimethylamino) ethylsulphinyl] ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[2- (dimethylamino) ethylsulphonyl] ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[2- (diethylamino) ethylthio] ethanone;

2-[2-(N-benzyl-N-methylamino) ethylthio]-1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)cyclobutyl]-ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[2- (dimethylamino) ethylthio] ethanol;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[3- (dimethylamino) propylthio] ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[3- (dimethylamino) propylsulphonyl] ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[3- (dimethylamino) propylthio] ethanol;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[3- (dimethylamino)-2-methylpropylthio]-ethanone;

2-[2-(dimethylamino) ethylthio]-1-(1-(2-naphthyl) cyclobutyl] ethanone;

1-[1-(3-chlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[3-(dimethylamino) propylthio] ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[4- (dimethyl-amino) butylthio] ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[3- (dipropyl-amino) propylthio] ethanone;

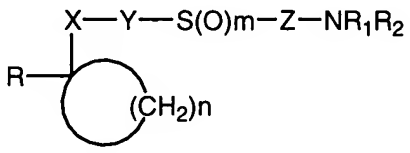
1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[3- (dimethylamino)-2-methylpropylthio] ethanol;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclopentyl]-2-[3- (dimethylamino) propylthio] ethanone; and

pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof in the form of individual enantiomers, racemates, or other mixtures of enantiomers.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) A method of treating drug misuse or other addictive disorders ~~which comprises the~~ comprising administering ~~administration of~~ a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I ~~as defined in any one of claims 1 to 14 to a patient in need thereof.~~



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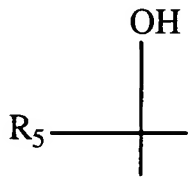
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof in which

m is 0, 1 or 2;

n is 2, 3, 4 or 5;

X is carbonyl or a group of formula II



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in which R_5 is H or an alkyl group containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms;

Y is an alkylene chain containing 1 or 2 carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more alkyl groups containing 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

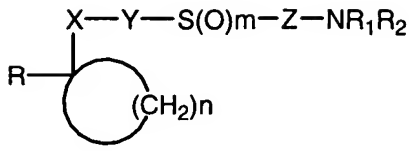
Z is an alkylene chain containing 2 to 5 carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more alkyl groups containing 1 to 3 carbon atoms;

R is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more halo substituents or R is naphthyl; and

R_1 and R_2 which are the same or different, are H, a straight or branched chain alkyl group containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms, an arylalkyl group in which the alkyl group contains 1 to 3 carbon atoms, provided that when R_1 is benzyl, R_2 is H or methyl;

to a patient in need thereof.

17. (Currently amended) A method of reducing cravings to food or an addictive substance in a mammal comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of formula I ~~as defined in any one of claims 1 to 14 to a mammal in need thereof.~~



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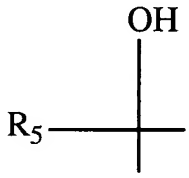

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R is phenyl optionally substituted by one or more halo substituents or R is naphthyl; and

R_1 and R_2 which are the same or different, are H, a straight or branched chain alkyl group containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms, an arylalkyl group in which the alkyl group contains 1 to 3 carbon atoms, provided that when R_1 is benzyl, R_2 is H or methyl;

to the mammal in need thereof.

18. (Currently amended) A method according to ~~as claimed in~~ claim 17, wherein the addictive substance is cocaine, amphetamine, nicotine, opiates, tobacco, alcohol or ecstasy.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein m is 0, 1 or 2 and n is 3 or 4.

21. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein X is carbonyl or the group of formula II in which R_5 is H.

22. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein Y is methylene.

23. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein Z is an alkylene chain containing 2 to 4 carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more alkyl groups containing 1 to 3 carbon atoms.

24. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein Z is an alkylene chain containing 2 to 4 carbon atoms optionally substituted by one or more methyl groups.

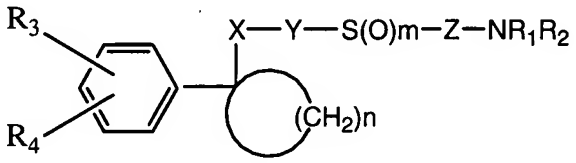
25. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein R is phenyl substituted by one or two chloro substituents or R is naphthyl.

26. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein R is 3-chlorophenyl; 3,4-dichlorophenyl; or 2-naphthyl.

27. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein R_1 is an alkyl group containing 1 to 3 carbon atoms or is benzyl, and R_2 is an alkyl group containing 1 to 3 carbon atoms.

28. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein R_1 and R_2 are both methyl or ethyl or R_1 is benzyl and R_2 is methyl.

29. (New) A method of reducing cravings to food or an addictive substance in a mammal comprising administering an effective amount of a compound of formula III



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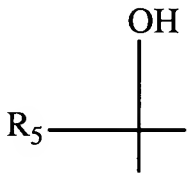

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R_1 and R_2, which are the same or different, are H, a straight or branched chain alkyl group containing 1 to 4 carbon atoms, an arylalkyl group in which the alkyl group contains 1 to 3 carbon atoms, provided that when R_1 is benzyl, R_2 is H or methyl; and

R_3 is halo, and R_4 is H or halo, or R_3 and R_4 together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached form a fused benzene ring;

to the mammal in need thereof.

30. (New) A method according to claim 29, wherein R_3 is chloro and R_1 is H, R_3 and R_4 being both chloro or R_3 and R_4 together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached forming a fused benzene ring.

31. (New) A method according to claim 29, wherein R_3 is chloro situated in the 3-substitution position on the phenyl ring and R_4 is H, R_3 and R_4 being both chloro and situated in the 3- and 4-substitution positions on the phenyl ring respectively, or R_3 and R_4 together with the phenyl ring to which they are attached forming a 2-naphthyl group.

32. (New) A method according to claim 17, wherein the compound of formula I is selected from the group consisting of:

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[2- (dimethylamino) ethylthio] ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[2- (dimethylamino) ethylsulphinyl] ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[2- (dimethylamino) ethylsulphonyl] ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[2- (diethylamino) ethylthio] ethanone;

2-[2-(N-benzyl-N-methylamino) ethylthio]-1- [1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)cyclobutyl]-ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[2- (dimethylamino) ethylthio] ethanol;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[3- (dimethylamino) propylthio] ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[3- (dimethylamino) propylsulphonyl] ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[3- (dimethylamino) propylthio] ethanol;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[3- (dimethylamino)-2-methylpropylthio]-ethanone;

2-[2-(dimethylamino) ethylthio]-1-(1-(2-naphthyl) cyclobutyl] ethanone;

1-[1-(3-chlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[3-(dimethylamino) propylthio] ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[4- (dimethyl-amino) butylthio] ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[3- (dipropyl-amino) propylthio] ethanone;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclobutyl]-2-[3- (dimethylamino)-2-methylpropylthio] ethanol;

1-[1-(3,4-dichlorophenyl) cyclopentyl]-2-[3- (dimethylamino) propylthio] ethanone; and

pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof in the form of individual enantiomers, racemates, or other mixtures of enantiomers.

33. (New) A method according to claim 20, wherein the addictive substance is cocaine, amphetamine, nicotine, opiates, tobacco, alcohol or ecstasy.

34. (New) A method according to claim 21, wherein the addictive substance is cocaine, amphetamine, nicotine, opiates, tobacco, alcohol or ecstasy.

35. (New) A method according to claim 22, wherein the addictive substance is cocaine, amphetamine, nicotine, opiates, tobacco, alcohol or ecstasy.

36. (New) A method according to claim 23, wherein the addictive substance is cocaine, amphetamine, nicotine, opiates, tobacco, alcohol or ecstasy.

37. (New) A method according to claim 24, wherein the addictive substance is cocaine, amphetamine, nicotine, opiates, tobacco, alcohol or ecstasy.

38. (New) A method according to claim 25, wherein the addictive substance is cocaine, amphetamine, nicotine, opiates, tobacco, alcohol or ecstasy.

39. (New) A method according to claim 26, wherein the addictive substance is cocaine, amphetamine, nicotine, opiates, tobacco, alcohol or ecstasy.

40. (New) A method according to claim 27, wherein the addictive substance is cocaine, amphetamine, nicotine, opiates, tobacco, alcohol or ecstasy.

41. (New) A method according to claim 28, wherein the addictive substance is cocaine, amphetamine, nicotine, opiates, tobacco, alcohol or ecstasy.

42. (New) A method according to claim 29, wherein the addictive substance is cocaine, amphetamine, nicotine, opiates, tobacco, alcohol or ecstasy.

43. (New) A method according to claim 30, wherein the addictive substance is cocaine, amphetamine, nicotine, opiates, tobacco, alcohol or ecstasy.

44. (New) A method according to claim 31, wherein the addictive substance is cocaine, amphetamine, nicotine, opiates, tobacco, alcohol or ecstasy.

45. (New) A method according to claim 32, wherein the addictive substance is cocaine, amphetamine, nicotine, opiates, tobacco, alcohol or ecstasy.